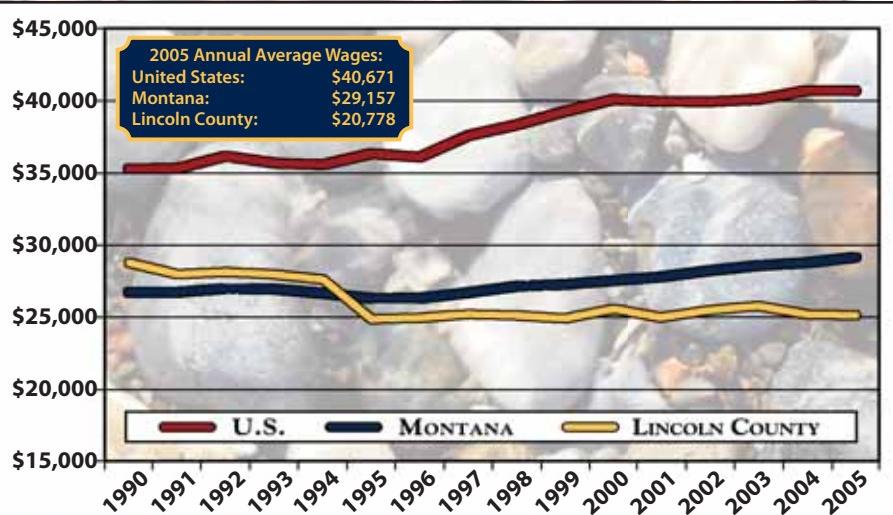


## Annual Average Labor Force - Lincoln County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2005	7,820	7,182	638	8.2%
2004	7,744	7,013	731	9.4%
2003	7,686	6,797	889	11.6%
2002	7,584	6,895	689	9.1%
2001	7,825	7,165	660	8.4%
2000	7,885	7,229	656	8.3%

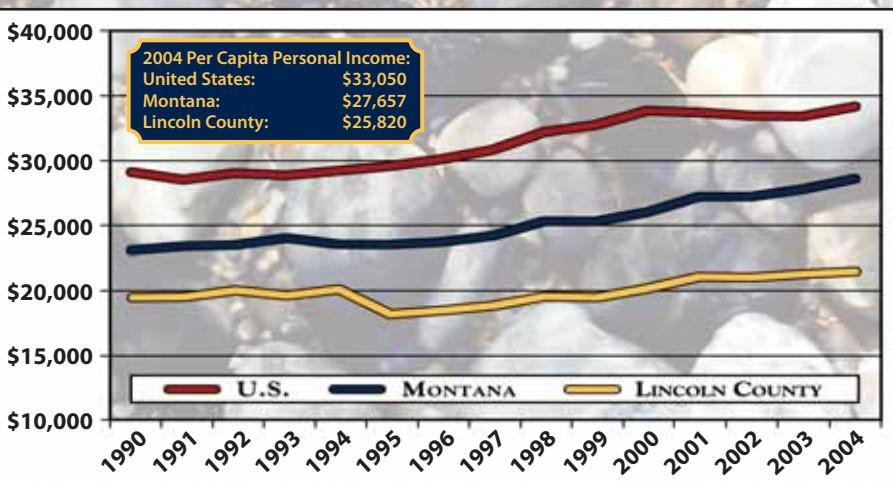
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

## Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars)

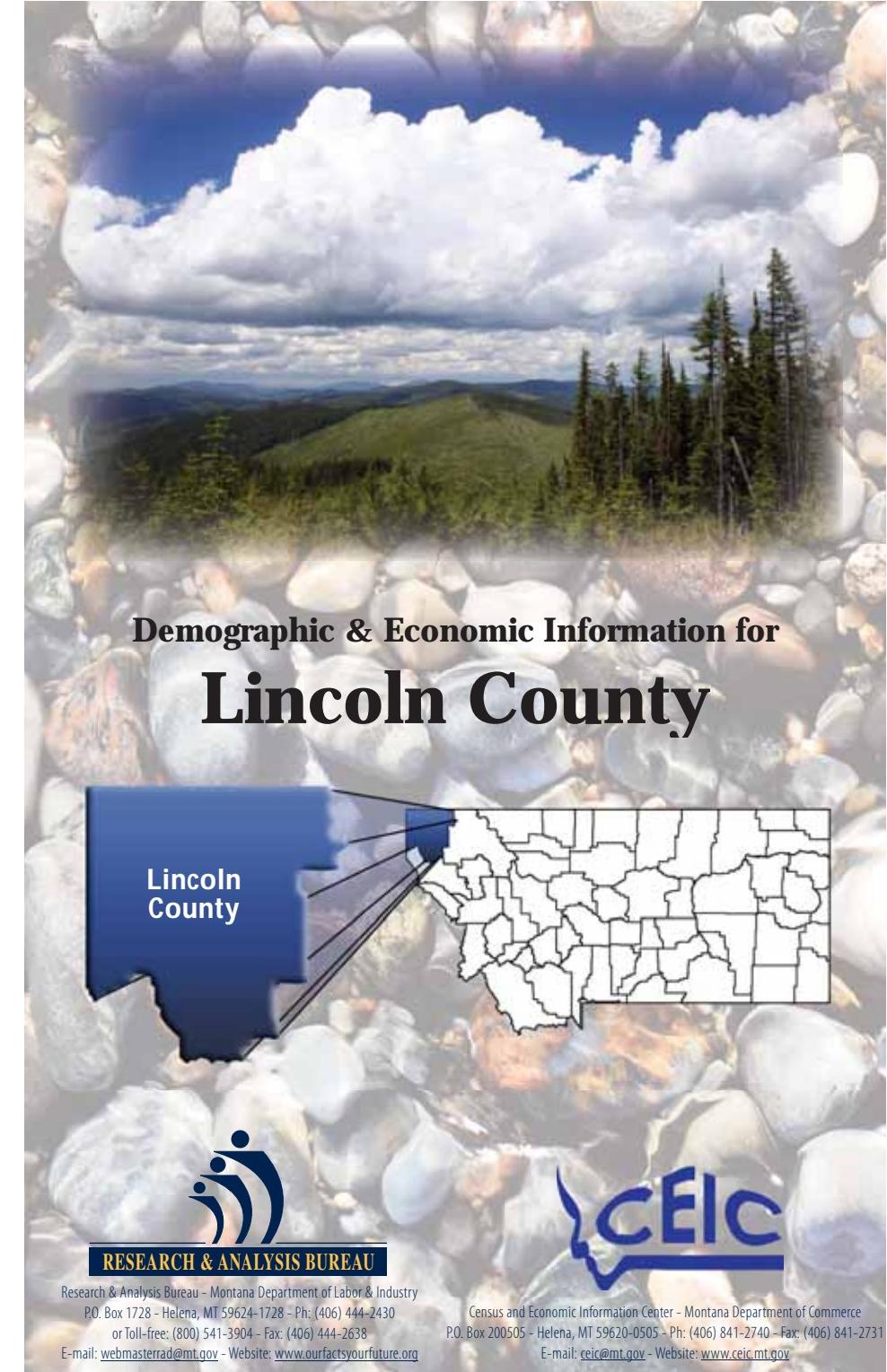


Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2004 (In 2005 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System



## LINCOLN COUNTY

Lincoln County, located in the northwest corner of Montana, is the state's tenth most populous county, with an estimated 19,193 residents in 2005. Libby, the county seat, is the state's 27th largest city, with a population estimated at 2,648 in 2005.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Lincoln County include: Eureka, Fortine, Rexford, Trego, and Troy.

Seventy-six percent of the land in Lincoln County belongs to the Kootenai National Forest. Of Lincoln County's privately owned land, Burlington Northern and Plum Creek Timber are the two major owners, possessing a combined 14%. The remaining private land is individually owned.<sup>2</sup>

Lincoln County's major industries include Tourism, Recreation, Mining, and Lumber & Wood products. In fact, Lincoln County is the largest producer of wood products in Montana and has the most commercial forest land in the state.<sup>3</sup>

Health Care & Social Assistance is the number one industry subsector in Lincoln County, employing 879 people in 2005. Other significant subsectors include Retail Trade (with 728 employees), Public Administration (723), and Educational Services (579). In 2005, the fastest growing subsectors of Lincoln County's economy included Mining (up 135.1% from 2004), Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation (up 14.5%), and Health Care & Social Assistance (up 12.7%).<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

<sup>2</sup>[www.libby.org/homepage/local-links/tour2.html](http://www.libby.org/homepage/local-links/tour2.html)

<sup>3</sup>[www.libbymt.com/community](http://www.libbymt.com/community)

<sup>4</sup>Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau  
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program

## Resources for Lincoln County

### Chambers of Commerce

Eureka Area Chamber of Commerce  
P. O. Box 186, Eureka, MT 59917  
Ph:(406) 889-4636  
E-mail: [info@welcome2eureka.com](mailto:info@welcome2eureka.com)  
[www.welcome2eureka.com](http://www.welcome2eureka.com)

Libby Chamber of Commerce  
P. O. Box 704, Libby, MT 59923  
Ph:(406) 293-4147, Fax:(406) 293-2197  
[www.libbychamber.org](http://www.libbychamber.org)

Troy Area Chamber of Commerce  
P. O. Box 3005, Troy, MT 59935  
Ph: (406) 295-1064  
[www.troymtchamber.org](http://www.troymtchamber.org)

### Economic Development

Eureka Rural Development Partners, Inc.  
P. O. Box 1951, Eureka, MT 59917  
Ph:(406) 297-7374, Fax:(406) 297-7794  
E-mail: [tracy@eurekardp.net](mailto:tracy@eurekardp.net)

Kootenai River Development Council  
P. O. Box 621, Libby, MT 59923  
Ph:(406) 293-8406, Fax:(406) 293-2532  
E-mail: [krdc@frontiernet.net](mailto:krdc@frontiernet.net), [www.krdc.net](http://www.krdc.net)

### Newspapers

The Montanian  
P. O. Box 946  
Libby, MT 59923-0946  
(406) 293-8202  
E-mail: [montanian@libby.org](mailto:montanian@libby.org)

Tobacco Valley News  
P. O. Box 307, Eureka, MT 59917  
Ph:(406) 297-2514, Fax:(406) 297-7807  
E-mail: [editor@tobaccovilleynews.com](mailto:editor@tobaccovilleynews.com)  
[www.tobaccovilleynews.com](http://www.tobaccovilleynews.com)

The Western News  
P. O. Box 1377, Libby, MT 59923  
Ph:(406) 293-4124  
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### Job Service Workforce Center

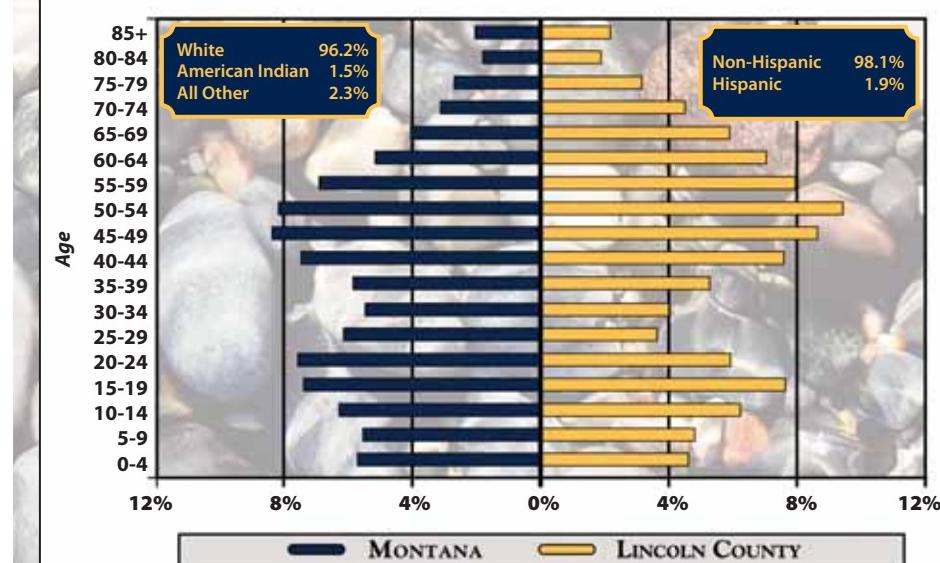
Kootenai Job Service Workforce Center  
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Ph:(406) 293-6282, Fax:(406) 293-5134  
[www.jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/libby](http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/libby)

## Population for Lincoln County & Related Areas

Geography	Total Population					
	Census	Estimates				
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Montana	902,195	906,098	910,395	917,885	926,920	935,670
Lincoln County	18,837	18,729	18,739	18,899	19,065	19,193
Eureka	1,017	1,007	1,006	1,013	1,021	1,028
Libby	2,626	2,601	2,595	2,619	2,648	2,648
Rexford	151	150	150	152	153	154
Troy	957	962	960	967	975	982
Balance of Lincoln County	14,086	14,009	14,028	14,148	14,268	14,381

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

## Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Lincoln County, 2005



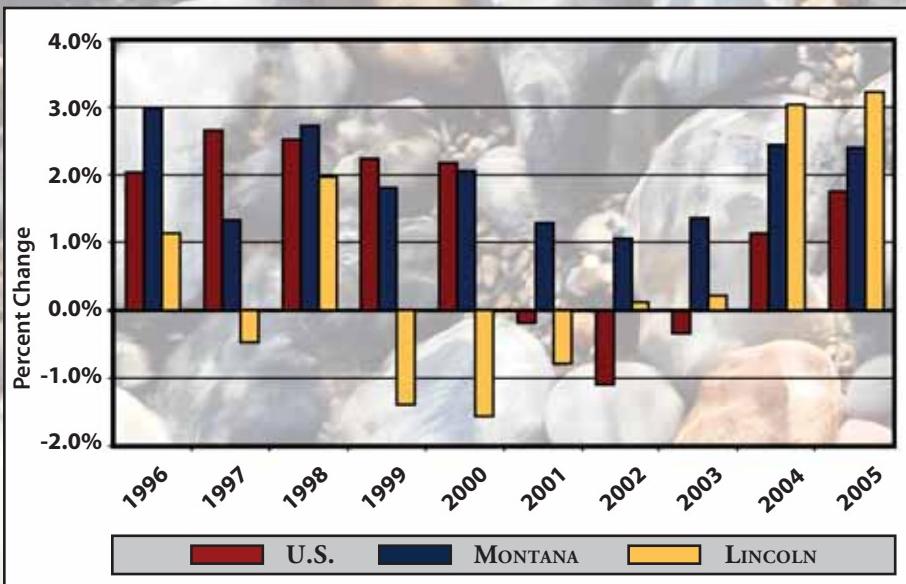
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 Population Estimates

## Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Lincoln County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	19.8%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	38.0%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	23.2%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	5.3%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	9.4%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	3.0%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.0%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.3%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

## Percent Change in Employment: 1996 to 2005 U.S., Montana, and Lincoln County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Top 15 Private Employers in Lincoln County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2006 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
A Full Life Agency	5	McDonald's	4
Achievements Inc.	4	Mountain View Manor	5
Environmental Restoration	5	Plum Creek Timber	5
Four Corners Casino & Restaurant	4	Rosauer's Food & Drug	6
Genesis Inc.	6	St John's Lutheran Hospital	6
Harlow's School Bus Service	5	Stein's IGA	4
J B's Shopping Center	4	Venture Motor Inn & Restaurant	4
Libby Care Center	5		

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

## Agricultural Statistics - Lincoln County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	310
Land in farms (acres)	54,236
Average size of farms (acres)	175
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	301
1,000 acres or more	9
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	308
\$100,000 or more	2
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	294
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	16

## Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	3,160
Hogs and pigs	229
Sheep and lambs	323
Horses and ponies	1,092
Bison	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	1,150
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	0
Wheat for grain, All	0
Winter wheat for grain	0
Durum wheat for grain	0
Spring wheat for grain	0
Barley for grain	(D)
Oats for grain	29
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, haylage, grass silage	7,344

## Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	150
Other	160
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	278
Not on farm operated	32
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	89
10 years or more	221
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	132
55 years and over	178
Average age of operators: (number)	56.3

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002

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# Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2005 - Lincoln County

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	658	5,427	\$25,073
TOTAL PRIVATE	607	4,039	\$21,857
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	65	228	\$32,833
Crop production	4	*	*
Forestry and logging	46	187	\$33,075
Agriculture & forestry support	15	*	*
MINING	6	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	5	31	\$25,743
Support activities for mining	1	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	85	237	\$26,153
Construction of buildings	32	91	\$21,225
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11	29	\$31,488
Specialty trade contractors	43	118	\$28,633
MANUFACTURING	32	318	\$35,364
Food manufacturing	1	*	*
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	11	208	\$41,921
Printing and related support activities	2	*	*
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	2	*	*
Primary metal manufacturing	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	3	27	\$28,905
Machinery manufacturing	3	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	2	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	6	33	\$20,325
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	13	48	\$21,080
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	6	24	\$21,058
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	5	*	*
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	2	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	95	728	\$16,875
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	12	74	\$29,981
Furniture and home furnishings stores	5	13	\$16,008
Electronics and appliance stores	3	10	\$15,245
Building material & garden supply stores	10	66	\$21,206
Food and beverage stores	11	266	\$15,176
Health and personal care stores	5	39	\$23,113
Gasoline stations	13	119	\$12,938
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	5	13	\$9,931
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	5	24	\$7,171
General merchandise stores	4	45	\$12,325
Miscellaneous store retailers	15	35	\$10,419
Nonstore retailers	9	23	\$25,336
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	26	122	\$23,784

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

\* Data Not Disclosable

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Air transportation	1	*	*
Truck transportation	19	38	\$28,950
Transit and ground passenger transport	1	*	*
Support activities for transportation	3	18	\$32,068
Postal service	1	*	*
Couriers and messengers	2	*	*
INFORMATION	14	95	\$31,496
Publishing industries, except Internet	5	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	3	18	\$4,025
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	5	56	\$45,616
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	19	133	\$24,339
Credit intermediation & related activity	9	91	\$25,817
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	2	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	8	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	16	57	\$19,628
Real estate	10	34	\$27,600
Rental and leasing services	6	23	\$7,669
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	38	95	\$27,179
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	3	13	\$51,581
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	19	87	\$34,025
Administrative and support services	14	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	5	*	*
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4	21	\$20,631
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	44	878	\$20,235
Ambulatory health care services	26	368	\$15,170
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	3	*	*
Social assistance	14	167	\$14,293
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	22	134	\$13,116
Performing arts and spectator sports	2	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	20	*	*
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	59	496	\$9,820
Accommodation	11	103	\$12,235
Food services and drinking places	47	394	\$9,190
OTHER SERVICES	48	173	\$13,462
Repair and maintenance	15	62	\$18,445
Personal and laundry services	6	15	\$12,546
Membership associations & organizations	24	81	\$8,812
Private households	4	15	\$18,764
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	52	1,388	\$34,430
Local Government	24	813	\$24,579
State Government	11	106	\$31,441
Federal Government	17	470	\$52,151

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.  
(Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)